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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM USDEL PEKING DATED OCTOBER 23, 1975 SENTT

SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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FOR S/S-O TANNER FROM HECKLINGER

E.O. 11652

TAGS: UNGA, SHUM, SOCI, SGEN

SUBJ: THIRD COMMITTEE-UNGA APPEAL TO AMNESTY ALL POLITICAL
PRISONERS

AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY'S STAFF, WE ARE REPEATING USUN
5230 FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION.

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PEKING FOR THE SECRETARY EYES ONLY

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1. USUN RECOMMENDS TO DEPT FOLLOWING TEXT OF DRAFT RES

APPEALING TO ALL STATES TO RELEASE AND AMNESTY ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. THIS RES WOULD BE PRESENTED UNDER CONSIDERATION OF ECOSOC REPORT IN THIRD COMITE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27. CLEARANCE OF TEXT REQUESTED BY COB OCTOBER 22 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT SCHEDULED WITH CONGRESSMAN FRASER. AS DEPT AWARE, INITIATIVE TO CALL FOR AMNESTY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WAS AGREED TO BY SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AT OCTOBER 16 MEETING.

QUOTE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE WAS DECLARED BY THE PARTIES SIGNATORY AS CONCLUDING AN ERA OF POLITICAL STRIFE AND INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN EUROPE,

FINDING THAT, INSPITE OF CONTINUING DENIAL OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN CERTAIN AREAS GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TOWARD ELIMINATING COLONIALISM AND ENSURING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PEOPLES EVERYWHERE,

FIRMLY CONVINCED THEREFORE THAT A NEW ERA OF COOPERATION AND POLITICAL AMITY BETWEEN NATIONS IS EMERGING,

BELIEVING THAT THIS LESSENING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS MAKES DEROGATION BY STATES OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES TO EXERCISE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS EVEN MORE UNJUSTIFIABLE,

DESIRING TO ENCOURAGE THE OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES ELABORATED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REGARDING TORTURE, ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION, FAIR TRIAL, AND FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION,

RECALLING THAT PURSUANT TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1235(XLII) OF 6 JUNE 1967 THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE INFORMATION RELATING TO SUCH REPORTS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION RESOLUTION ----(XXVIII)
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(BEGIN BRACKETS) E/CN.4/SUB.2/L.635 (END BRACKETS) ADOPTED BY THE SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT,

RECALLING THAT THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

A. THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION; THIS RIGHTS INCLUDES FREEDOM TO CHANGE ONE'S RELIGION OR BELIEF, AND FREEDOM, EITHER ALONE OR IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS AND IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, TO MANIFEST ONE'S RELIGION OR BELIEF IN TEACHING, PRACTICE, WORSHIP AND OBSERVANCE;

B. TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION; THIS RIGHT INCLUDES FREEDOM TO HOLD OPINIONS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE AND TO SPEAK, RECEIVE, AND IMPART INFORMATION AND IDEAS THROUGH ANY MEDIA AND REGARDLESS OF FRONTIERS;

C. TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION;

D. TO TAKE PART IN THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS COUNTRY, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH FREELY CHOSEN REPRESENTATIVES; AND,

E. TO FORM AND TO JOIN TRADE UNIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HIS INTERESTS;

1. APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO PROCLAIM AN UNCONDITIONAL POLITICAL AMNESTY BY RELEASING ALL PERSONS ARRESTED OR DETAINED FOR ACTS COMMITTED WHILE EXERCISING OR FOR ATTEMPTING TO EXERCISE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS;

2. DIRECTS THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS TO CONDUCT STUDIES INCLUDING VISITS, WHENEVER NECESSARY, TO DETERMINE THE CONDITION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE RESPONSE OF GOVERNMENTS TO THIS APPEAL;

3. URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES IN THEIR EFFORTS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING REQUESTS TO MAKE SUCH VISITS AS THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THE DETENTION, TRIAL OR IMPRISONMENT OF SUCH PERSONS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY HE MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. UNQUOTE MOYNIHAN

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